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1. Black racial solidarity in Africa has already leaped beyond frontiers. The most advanced parts of West Africa (the Gold Coast and Nigeria) are following with intense interest the native fermentation among their eastern brothers, in Kenya and the Uangi. In spite of a vigilant colonial administration, the African nationalist movement is developing all along the equator, as fast as the sound of a tom-tom can travel.

2. The authorities in French East Africa seem rather concerned about a new movement, now just developing, under the name of the "Congres National de l'Afrique Occidentale." The leaders in this are Dr Nkrumah (Gold Coast) and Azikiwe (Nigeria). These two cannot be tagged as mere extremists. But, whether they mean it or not, they do nothing to hinder the Communist elements. Already, autonomists in the French possessions (on the Ivory Coast, Togoland, and the Cameroon) have enthusiastically hailed the beginning of a federal union of the black peoples of the Gulf of Guinea. From now on, a Pan-African movement is going to be under way. The only question now is whether it can be canalized by a policy of concessions, before it ends in a general smash. This question is up to London, as well as to Paris, Madrid, Lisbon and Brussels.

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